

Amendments to the Specification:

Pages 11-12, please insert the attached replacement sheets.

Page 21, replace the paragraph beginning on line 19 with the following:

Powder is fed into the die cavities 132 in the fill zone 102. The powder may preferably consist of a medicant optionally containing various excipients, such as binders, disintegrants, lubricants, fillers and the like, as is conventional, or other particulate material of a medicinal or non-medicinal nature, such as inactive placebo blends for tableting, confectionery blends, and the like. One particularly preferred formulation comprises medicant, powdered wax (such as shellac wax, microcrystalline wax, polyethylene glycol, and the like), and optionally disintegrants and lubricants and is described in more detail in commonly assigned co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/966493....., published as US-2003-0068373-A entitled "~~Immediate Release Tablet~~" (attorney docket number MCP-274) which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 58, please insert the attached replacement sheet.

Pages 62-63, please insert the attached replacement sheets.